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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08B. Copies of the cited references are enclosed. Applicants are providing these references without any admission as to whether the references constitute prior art, as the date of public availability of the references and the systems discussed therein is unclear.

Nevertheless, in the interests of full disclosure, Applicants are providing these references and are respectfully requesting that the Examiner independently consider the above information and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08B be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Applicants would like to direct to the Examiner's attention to potential systems used by the following entities: Longview Solutions, Morgan Stanley, and Carlin Equities Corp. While Applicants have heard from third parties that such entities have pairs trading systems, Applicants were unable to find any publicly available documentation regarding such systems. Accordingly, the Examiner is invited to independently determine whether such systems exist and to independently determine their relevance.

Furthermore, Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to commonly assigned Application Serial No. 10/081,460 and invite the Examiner to determine the relevance of such application and the references cited therein.

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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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